

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2959–S2980

Measures Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3958–3963, and S. Res. 617–622. **Page S2973**

Measures Passed:

Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 712, to provide assistance for United States nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment to the title. **Pages S2977–79**

Senate Manual: Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, to provide for the printing of the Senate Manual for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress. **Page S2979**

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, designating June 19, 2020, as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States. **Page S2979**

Measures Considered:

Taxpayer First Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2960–72**

Adopted:

By 73 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 119), McConnell (for Gardner) Amendment No. 1617, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2972**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 118), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to McConnell (for Gardner)

Amendment No. 1617 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of the Senate pay-go rule, pursuant to Section 4106(a) of H. Con. Res. 71, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S2970, S2971–72**

McConnell Amendment No. 1628 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1617), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1629 (to Amendment No. 1628), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1628 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1617) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1626 (to Amendment No. 1617), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1627 (to Amendment No. 1626), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1626 (to Amendment No. 1617) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S2972**

By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 120), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2972**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 16, 2020; and that all time during adjournment, Leader remarks, and recess count post-cloture on the bill. **Page S2980**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2973–75**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2975–77**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2972–73**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S2971–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

June 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 7196–7231; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 103; and H. Res. 1001–1007 were introduced. **Pages H2395–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2398–H2400**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2393**

Senate Referrals: S. 886 was held at the desk. S. 939 was held at the desk. S. 149 was held at the desk. S. 3637 was held at the desk. **Page H2393**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2393.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE ROLE OF AFG AND SAFER GRANTS IN COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: On June 12, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Role of AFG and SAFER Grants in COVID-19 Response”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET CUTS AND LOST LEARNING: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Budget Cuts and Lost Learning: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Public Education”. Testimony was heard from Mark Johnson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction,

Raleigh, North Carolina; Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impact of COVID-19 in Sub-Saharan Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Friday, June 12, 2020, Commission received a briefing on George Floyd, focusing on a time for transformation at home and abroad, from Abena Oppong-Asare, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom; Mitchell Esajas, New Urban Collective, Netherlands; and Karen Taylor, European Network Against Racism.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission spectrum auctions program for fiscal year 2021, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the energy industry, 10 a.m., SD-366.